GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6471
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CAMERAS OF INSAT-3A
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cameras on board the INSAT-3A which was launched recently are not working properly;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the financial loss suffered by the Government as a result thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AN PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE):

(a) No, Sir. INSAT-3A carries a 3-channel Very High Resolution Radiometer and a 3-channel imager. The satellite reached its orbital slot of 93.5 deg.E on April 25, 2003. Both the cameras are working as per specifications. However, detailed characterisation of these cameras is normally carried out over a longer period i.e., upto the next eclipse season in September 2003.

(b),(c) & (d) Do not arise.